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## SEABOARD NEWS

Mr. Edgar Stephenson, who is a traveling salesman for the Clause Shear Co., Fremont, Ohio, left Sunday for an inspection of the factory at the above place.

Mrs. Wm. A. Vincent and daughter of Vulture are spending this week here at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Bettie I. Pruden.

Mr. J. D. Pope spent a few days at Portsmouth visiting relatives the past week.

Mr. Elmo Crocker spent the week end at Portsmouth with his wife who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Plummer.

Mrs. Eddie Matthews, Portsmouth, returned home Sunday after an extended visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Britton.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pruden were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. Pruden's mother, Mrs. Bettie I. Pruden.

Mr. R. E. Stephenson and son, Robert Kelly, Emporia, were guests of his sister, Mrs. R. M. Maddrey, last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Guy Britton and children of Margarettsville are guests of her father, Mr. W. C. Howell.

Miss Elizabeth Clark, Weldon, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. Grady Edwards, several days the past week.

Mr. J. J. Taylor of near Gum-berry village died suddenly of heart disease at his home Sunday evening. Mr. Taylor had been suffering more than usual for the past two weeks and his death while shocking was not unexpected. The funeral services will be conducted at Pleasant Grove Methodist church, of which he had been long a consistent member, on Tuesday, by his pastor, Rev. Frank Culbreth. Mr. Taylor leaves a widow and several children, besides, brothers, sisters and a host of friends who mourn his early demise. To those most sorely bereaved by this dispensation of Providence we offer sincere condolence.

Miss Cora Miller, Richmond, was the weekend guest of her sister, Mrs. H. M. Lynch.

Mrs. Robert L. Moore and children, Mildred Lee and R. L. Jr., Portsmouth, left Monday for her home after a ten days stay here with her mother, Mrs. Bettie I. Pruden.

Mrs. W. Grady Edwards delightfully entertained the Embroidery Club at her home last Wednesday evening. The rooms were tastefully decorated with ferns and cut flowers. Bridge was played at two tables and there was one table of Rook. Top score Bridge prize was presented to Mrs. Matt Ransom Stephenson and top score for Rook was won by Mrs. H. R. Harris. Mrs. Edwards, assisted by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Clark, served two courses, first a salad course, the second, Bavarian cream and fruit cake with hot coffee. Her guests besides the club members included Mesdames Matt Ransom Stephenson, Raleigh, R. L. Moore, Portsmouth, H. M. Lynch and Miss Elizabeth Clark, Weldon.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. church held their regular monthly meeting at the church Monday afternoon. A goodly number of the members were present and a very interesting and instructive program rendered.

Mr. Ellis Benton, Suffolk, was a week-end caller in the home of Mr. H. L. Duffee.

Messrs H. C. Maddrey and F. C. Weaver left Sunday morning

## Rich Square School Moves Up

The Rich Square High School, which for some years has been an accredited high school, its graduates entering any of the colleges and universities of this State without examination, has moved up another notch and has been placed on the accredited list of the Southern Association of Accredited High Schools. This means that its graduates can not only enter the colleges and universities of this State without entrance examinations; but that they can enter the University of California, the University of Texas, or any other university of the South without any difficulty.

The following letter from Prof. J. Henry Highsmith, State Supervisor of High Schools, to Supt. A. W. Oakes, Jr., was received this week:

January 9, 1926,

My Dear Sir:  
Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, I take pleasure in informing you that the Rich Square High School was accepted for accredited relations by the Southern Association. I would have notified you had the school been reported upon adversely. I congratulate you upon this achievement.

With all good wishes, I am,  
Cordially yours,  
J. HENRY HIGHSMITH,  
State High School Supervisor.

for Currituck Sound where they will be entertained for a few days at the duck hunting lodge of Mr. W. M. Jones, Norfolk.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Seaboard Baptist church will be held Wednesday afternoon of this week. The program committee have planned a varied program which will prove interesting and edifying to all who attend.

Several cases of chicken pox in town served to reduce the Sunday School attendance the past Sunday and their absence is also felt in the Seaboard High School. Mrs. W. T. Norvel is the only adult, so far, to fall a victim and she is recovering rapidly.

Hog killings was once the order of the day at this season, we have heard of only four, thus far. Hog raising seems to have gone out of style in these parts, less trouble to buy western meat regardless of price.

Mr. Nathan J. Parker, Ches-ter, Va., is visiting his brother, Mr. C. R. Parker, this week.

Revs. Frank Culbreth and D. P. Harris filled their regular appointments with their churches last Sunday. The congregations were not so large as usual, bad roads, bad weather, bad colds, chicken pox, etc. did their part towards diminishing the usual crowd of church goers.

The Y. W. A's. of the Baptist church held their regular monthly meeting at the church Monday afternoon. The best attendance in months was reported and a spirit of enthusiasm indicated that was indeed heartening to their faithful leader.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Seaboard Baptist church observed the "Week of Prayer" for Missions last week. The Mission Study book, "Gospel Triumphs in Argentina and Chile" was taught by Pastor Harris in connection with the daily programs. The attendance was very creditable, weather considered. The examinations will be all in by the last of this week and will report later the number of seals awarded.

## Roxobel-Kelford School Election

Saturday, 16th inst., is the day when the educational future of many of the boys and girls of the Roxobel, Kelford, Tyler, Bazemore school district will be determined; and further, may I say, the future of these communities will be, largely, fixed by a majority of the votes cast in the election for consolidation. The importance of this election can not be overstressed, for the majority of our youth do not have the advantages of an education beyond the 'High School. Since the community of this proposed consolidated school district, ten or more years from now, will be determined largely, and (I believe solely) by the quality of training, physically, morally, and mentally, our boys and girls get now and during the coming years, it is essential that every one of us consider seriously these things before and as we cast our ballot. Today the home and the shops have handed over to the school the training which they formerly gave; and since this is true, we should all help to furnish our school with the very best equipment necessary to build and mold character, and train the minds of our children so that they will be able to enter the rank and file of our industrial, agricultural, commercial, or some other phase of our economic life, and render an efficient service to their state. We all know that the day is near at hand when an education is essential for one to live and meet the various demands of life.

Another item, let every one who has registered vote. One may say, "But mine will count just one in three hundred votes," but, voters, it is our bounden duty to register our opinion; and if the majority of us should not vote, it would mean that our children must continue to put up with the present inadequate school facilities. I, verily, believe that it is the wish of the large majority of our citizens that we consolidate and improve our schools. Wishing so will not suffice. A majority of the votes cast is necessary for consolidation and for bonds to erect our proposed new school building. So, Mr. Voter, in fixing our schedule of work for Saturday, 16th, lets write at the head of this list Vote! Vote! Vote!

One other item about which some are, possibly, under the wrong impression, is the number of registered voters necessary to make the election legal. There are approximately 50 per cent or more of the voters registered. Mr. Early informs us that a majority of the registered voters is requisite to meet the law. So if a majority of the three hundred registered voters cast a ballot favoring the bond issue, the election will be carried.

D. P. MCCAIN.

T. E. Brown to Speak at Pendleton

Owing to the bad weather last Friday night, the meeting of the Kirby Township Farmers Club was postponed, and will be held Friday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. T. E. Brown of State College, will speak. His subject will be "Big Little Things on the Farm. Everybody invited to come out and hear him.

Sotol Food and Drink  
The cabbage-like heart of the sotol, a plant native to New Mexico, was once roasted or boiled and eaten by the natives and the trunks were utilized to make a distilled drink called "sotol."

## Potecasi Locals

Mr. J. R. Baugham left Monday to visit his daughters in Raleigh and LaGrange.

Mr. Floyd Bridgers, who has lived in the home of Mr. J. R. Baugham for two years has moved back to his farm near here. We were very sorrow to see them leave but we gladly welcome Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lassiter who have moved in with Mr. Baugham.

Mrs. W. A. Davis, who has returned from the hospital is improving.

Miss Dare Beale of the faculty of Mt. Carmel School, spent a short time with her home folks Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Anna Woodard, daughter of Mr. Jere Woodard, who lives near here was married last week to Mr. Joe Davis.

Master Raymond Baugham, of Richmond, is spending the winter with his grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Baugham, and is attending school here.

Mr. Harold Brown, who has been with the Potecasi Supply Co. for some time, left last week to take work elsewhere.

Potecasi Masonic Lodge is having a series of lectures this week. Mr. J. F. Marquette is the lecturer.

## Woodland Afternoon Club

One of the prettiest parties of the festive season was the one given the members of the Woodland Afternoon Club by Mrs. R. M. Griffin and Miss Elsie Benthall on Monday evening, Dec. 28, in the home of Miss Benthall.

A beautiful Christmas tree adorned with gifts and tinsel, greeted each one upon entering the spacious parlor richly decorated with the season's colors.

The friendly greetings of each were passed along after which the program of the evening was as follows:

1. Origin of Christmas—Miss Lola Outland.
2. Christmas Giving—Miss Ruth Outland.
3. Christmas Poem—Mrs. E. G. Griffin.

A short business meeting was held, during which plans for the Banquet sometime in January were discussed. Each member gave a toast to Christmas at roll call.

The meeting was then turned over to the hostesses, "Who very cheerfully and oh! so jolly

Asked us to try our luck at hearts Amid the mistletoe and holly." Mrs. C. J. Vaughan proved her ability at helping cupid with his famous game. She was presented a lovely prize.

Refreshments suggestive of the Yuletide Season, consisting of Pimento sandwiches, chicken salad, pickles, wafers, coffee, whipped cream, were served by the hostesses and Miss Nell Benthall. A miniature Santa Claus was presented to each as a favor. The gifts from the tree were then distributed very gracefully by Miss Claire Benthall.

Those present in addition to members of the club were Misses Hannah Holloman and Mary Grant Griffin.

## Let It Soak In

When the colored couple were being married and the clergyman read the words, "love, honor and obey," the bridegroom interrupted: "Read dat ag'in, parson; read dat oncet mo', so's de lady kin ketch de full solemnity of de meanin'." Ise been married befo'."—American Legion Weekly.

## Road No. 12

Engineers employed by the State Highway Commission are still engaged in making the survey of the road (No. 12) from Rich Square to a point near Murfreesboro, a distance of about 15 miles. This is the last link of No. 12 from Tarboro-Scotland Neck to the Virginia line near Como. When completed it will be the shortest route for a large section of North Carolina to Norfolk. It is thought the Edwards Ferry bridge will be completed by the time the road from Rich Square to Murfreesboro is built. The bridge is being built by the Pensacola Shipbuilding Company of Pensacola, Fla., at a contract price of \$387,000, and work on it was begun on Feb'y 23, 1923, so they have not been at work on it quite three years. The contract called for its completion in four hundred working days. The structural work on the bridge, we are informed, has been completed, and only lacks asphalt on the floor to be completed. Part of this material has arrived. We have heard of no estimate of the time it will require to put this on.

## Edwards Ferry Bridge

Contrary to reports which were circulated here yesterday, it was learned this morning that the conference in Raleigh yesterday with the interest which are building the Edwards Ferry bridge was to adjust some financial matters and the matter of completion of the bridge was taken up as a side issue.

However, assurances were given that the work would be rushed to completion, and it was stated that the asphalt for the surfacing of the bridges was being unloaded. This, however, cannot be placed until a temperature of around 55 can be obtained. It is likely, however, that the Commission will authorize the use of the bridge before the placing of the asphalt as soon as the surfacing between bridges one and two can be completed, which, it is learned, will be done very shortly.

The flooring on all the bridges has been laid and the railing has been completed on four of the six bridges, the two remaining ones being only those of short length.

Present indications are that there is a likelihood that the bridge will be open for traffic between now and February first.—Scotland Neck Commonwealth, January 8th.

## Farm Demonstration Work

Demonstrations in use of pyrotol for blowing stumps will be given as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 19th, 10 A. M., Rich Square.

Tuesday, Jan. 19th, 2 P. M., Seaboard.

Wednesday, Jan. 20th, 10 A. M., Margarettsville.

Wednesday, Jan. 20th, 2 P. M., Jackson.

The demonstrations will be located as near these towns as possible.

I will have with me for the week ending the 23rd, the Agricultural Engineer from State College. If you have any problems in regard to water works, drainage, terracing or farm buildings about which you would like to consult him, write me at once. Send in your orders for the second and last car of pyrotol.

E. P. GULLEDGE,  
County Agent.

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## NEWS FROM KELFORD

The young men and young women of Kelford who are students at college and who spent the holidays with their people have returned to their respective colleges. Misses Helen Carter, Nell Brown, Willie Harrell and Lettie Parker, to Chowan College; Messrs Carlton Cherry and Charles M. Parker, to Wake Forest College, and J. W. Parker to University of Maryland. Miss Coralie Parker, who is a faculty member of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and her friend, Miss Bessie Hart, of Victoria, Va., who spent the holidays with Miss Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Parker, returned to their duties last week.

Several people of Kelford attended the funeral of Mrs. Elmyra E. Baker at Roxobel last Saturday. Mrs. Baker had reached the age of four score and two years and died in the faith of the Christian religion. She was born in Perquimans County and was married to Mr. Freeman Baker of Roxobel, who preceded her to the grave many years ago. She was greatly loved and highly respected by those who knew her.

The funeral service was conducted from Sandy Run church of Roxobel where she had held her membership for a number of years, conducted by Rev. M. P. Davis, pastor of Lewiston and Kelford Baptist churches. The remains were laid to rest in the family burial grounds near the

face William R. Smith. The pall bearers were, I. L. Bryant, B. F. Burkett, W. J. E. Lane, Jonnie Cook, Fred Jenkins and Prof. McCain.

Mr. J. E. Bowers gave a delightful New Year's party at the Hotel Kelford on the last day of 1925. The occasion was graced with the presence of lovely women and handsome men from many towns of Bertie and Northampton counties and was considered the most brilliant fete of the season. A splendid musical entertainment was presented by the Kelford Orchestra, led by Mr. A. C. Harrell on the violin, assisted by W. H. Parker on the mandolin, O. W. Parker on the banjo and J. R. Harrell on the guitar and Mrs. W. W. Wilkins on the piano. After enjoying the music, the guests, led by the host, assembled in the dining hall of the hotel where a turkey dinner was served. Those present were, Messrs W. K. Ainsley, W. L. Capehart, Guy Tyler, Dr. E. P. Norfleet, W. R. Lane, Edmond Jacobs, O. T. Jilcott, W. W. Coggins, J. B. Burden, Leon Peele, Pete Tynes, C. R. Livermon, Misses Florette Peele, Viola Peele, Janie Bryant, Ethel Bryant, Ethel Lane, Janet Hedsbeth, Matilda Hedsbeth, Mary Frances Peele, Ruth Tyler, Frances Peele, Mary Helen Burden and Foy Peele, of Roxobel; Messrs Ralph Carter, C. B. Coggins, J. A. Brown, J. M. Brown, Frank Vaon, J. H. Harrell, W. C. Bazemore, R. B. Lassiter, Carlton Cherry, V. V. Pritchard, Spurgeon Harrell, T. S. Jernigan, Mrs. Minnie Alexander, Misses Reba Johnson, Margaret Carter, Helen Carter, Louise Cherry, Lorine Harrell, Sadie Wilkins, of Kelford; Miss Gladys Vaughan, Lasker, Miss Hattie Mae Coggins, Milwaukee, N. C. Those assisting Mr. Bowers in making this most enjoyable occasion possible were, Mrs. W. W. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cleaton and Mrs. J. E. Peele, Sr. and Mrs. H. W. Tynes of Roxobel.